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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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FREDERICK W. JOHNSON, III,

08 CV 5499 (DAB)

Plaintiff,

ANSWER

-against-

MORAN TOWING & TRANSPORTATION, LLC, MORAN TOWING CORPORATION and MORAN TOWING & TRANSPORTATION, INC.,

Defendants.

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Defendants, Moran Towing & Transportation, LLC, Moran Towing Corporation and Moran Towing & Transportation, Inc., by their attorneys, Profeta & Eisenstein, as and for their answer, states as follows upon information and belief:

- 1. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint.
- 2. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Complaint.

- 3. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
- 4. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the Complaint.
- 5. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Complaint.
- 6. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Complaint.
- 7. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Complaint.
- 8. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Complaint.
- 9. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the Complaint.
- 10. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the Complaint.
- 11. With respect to the allegations repeated and realleged in the paragraph 11 of the Complaint, defendants make the same admissions and denials as if herein set forth at length.
- 12. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.

## AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 13. Plaintiff has heretofore been paid any and all sums due him as and for maintenance and cure.
- 14. Plaintiff's injury was caused or contributed to by his own failure to exercise due care.

WHEREFORE, defendants pray for judgment dismissing the Complaint with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: New York, New York August 18, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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